

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

Through our proactive testing protocols, we have identified another staff member and two more residents who are COVID-19 positive. The residents are doing well, and their families have been notified. This brings our current total to 3 positive residents, and 3 positive staff (one contract staff, and two employees).

We continue to follow guidance from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, CDC, CMS, and the WA State Department of Health. In addition, our dedicated custodians are working seven days a week to ensure clean, disinfected surfaces throughout the facility.

<u>Visitation</u>: No change to current protocols. All visitors must screen in PRIOR to visiting their loved one. And, because this is a healthcare facility, masks are still required at all times for all visitors, vendors, contractors, and staff.

<u>Employee Screening, Testing, Vaccinations</u>: All WWVH staff are fully vaccinated, tested 2X/week, and screened for symptoms and/or COVID-19 exposures upon arrival to the facility.

In addition to email notifications, this information is personally distributed to all residents, and hard copies are mailed to resident representatives who prefer that form of communication. You may also access up to date WDVA COVID-19 information any time by visiting: <a href="www.dva.wa.gov/covid">www.dva.wa.gov/covid</a>.

Respectfully,

Lonna Leno, Administrator Walla Walla Veterans Home